



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thompson :  
Serial No.: 10/064,244 : Art Unit: 3679  
Filed: June 25, 2002 : Examiner: D. Bochna  
For: PIPE CONNECTING ASSEMBLY :  
AND METHOD OF USE :

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop: Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is:  
Amendment After Final Office Action (37 C.F.R. § 1.116), (6 pgs.), in response to  
Office Action dated September 15, 2004 and made final  
Amendment Transmittal Form (3 pgs.), in duplicate  
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STATUS

- Applicant  
☐ claims small entity status.  
☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Due

\$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	22	MINUS	25	= 0	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$-0-
INDEP.	5	MINUS	4	= 1	x \$43 = \$43.00		x \$86 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$

## FEE PAYMENT

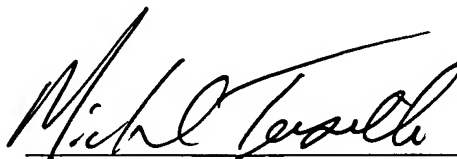
5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. ☐ Other:



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Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment  
submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2004, and made final.